



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

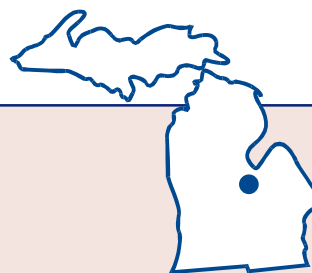
Bridgeport, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Bridgeport Charter Township was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Bridgeport, population 11,709, is a small community along the Dixie Highway travel corridor near Saginaw. In the past, much of the township's industrial and commercial base focused on supporting the automotive industry and its employees. The decline of the township's economy is directly related to the decline of the automobile industry in the area. In the last decade, the population of Bridgeport had dropped by more than eight percent, and many of the remaining employed residents have long commutes to reach their jobs. In the neighborhoods where most of the potential brownfields are located, the minority populations exceed 40 percent, and poverty rates approach 25 percent. This project is



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Bridgeport Charter Township for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform one site assessment on a property known to have underground storage tanks. In addition to assessment activities, reuse planning at petroleum-contaminated sites and a community-wide brownfields inventory will be performed.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

expected to help Bridgeport move forward with economic recovery, and to serve as a catalyst in reversing the community's negative image.